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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 5638.0018-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Jörg BERNARD et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1761  
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Application No.: 10/088,602 ) Examiner: Leslie A. Wong  
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International Filing Date: March 29, 2001 )  
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U.S. National Stage Entered: March 21, 2002 )  
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For: HARD CANDY WITH IMPROVED )  
STORAGE STABILITY )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, this application was filed as a U.S. National Stage application on March 21, 2002. A Status Inquiry was filed on September 23, 2003. As yet, Applicants have not yet received an Office Action on the merits or a response to the Status Inquiry.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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